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INFO AMEMBASSY MADRID

C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 3260

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR PFOR MO SP SS

SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA

REFS: RABAT 3144

RABAT 3259

1. IN COURSE OF MY CONVERSATION WITH FON MIN LARAKI JULY 11 (RABAT 3259), HE RECALLED EARLIER PRECEDENT OF U.S. PRESSURE ON SPAIN ON BEHALF OF MOROCCO. WHEN HE HAD BEEN IN WASHINGTON IN 1957, LARAKI RELATED, SECRETARY DULLES HAD ASKED HIM WHY MOROCCO HAD INSISTED ON RESERVING ITS POSITION ON BORDERS IN CONTEXT OF MOROCCAN-SPANISH AGREEMENT. LARAKI HAD REPLIED THAT THIS REFLECTED A MOROCCAN RECOGNITION OF THE TARFAYA LINE AS LIMIT OF SPANISH ZONE, BUT NOT AS MOROCCAN BORDER. LARAKI SAID THAT DULLES, AFTER EXAMINING TEXT OF AGREEMENT, HAD AGREED WITH MOROCCAN POSITION AND U.S. HAD GONE ON TO PUT PRESSURE ON SPAIN TO RELINQUISH TERRITORY.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: THIS IS FIRST TIME WE HAVE HEARD THIS VERSION. AS IT IS LIKELY TO COME UP AGAIN, WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S FURNISHING US WITH FACTS ON ROLE U.S. PLAYED AT THAT TIME. MADRID'S COMMENTS WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME.
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